

HOUSE BILL 2587

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AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 166 in Maury  
County in honor of Dr. L. Paul Sands.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Dr. Paul D. Sands, one of Maury County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, Dr. Sands holds a Doctorate in Education from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sands has had a major impact on education in Maury County through his work at Columbia State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sands was an original staff member at Columbia State and has served as classroom instructor, Dean of Instruction, and Executive Dean. In 1984, he became the second president of the college and served in that capacity until he retired in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sands has continued to live in Mt. Pleasant since his retirement and has been active in many civic activities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sands has devoted his life to helping others and has been instrumental in assisting many local students attend Columbia State Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Maury County Legislative Body has petitioned this General Assembly to name a certain bridge State Route 166 to honor Dr. Sands and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, State Bridge No. 60-SR-0001 on State Route 166 in Maury County is hereby designated the "Dr. L. Paul Sands Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent educator and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Dr. L. Paul Sands Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.